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The Honorable Terrance R. Duncan
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
240 Church Street, North Wing, Room 318
Salinas, CA 93901

Subject: Response to the 2002 Civil Grand Jury Findings and Recommendation on
Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Monterey County

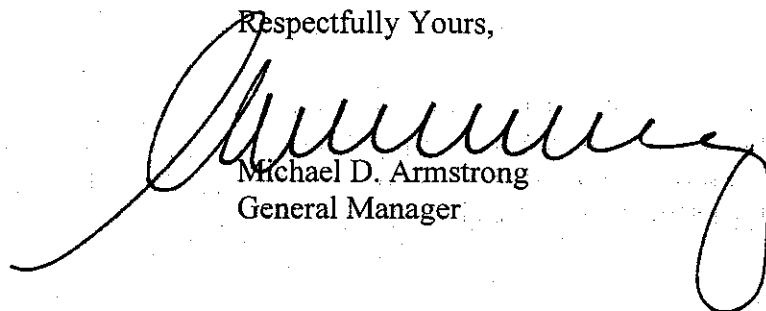
Honorable Judge Duncan:

The Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District respectfully disagrees with the findings and recommendation of the 2002 Civil Grand Jury report on fluoridation of drinking water in the city of Marina and the Ord community. Our Board believes that the medical and/or health benefits and cost avoidance of dental and general health care by the addition of fluoride in drinking water is best evaluated by medical and dental professionals and by our customers.

The Marina Coast Water District is committed to supplying to our customers water that meets or surpasses all state and federal drinking water standards. At this time, the District intends to continue its practice of compliance with the fluoridation regulations. Each of our water systems in Marina and the Ord community has 3,500 service connections and we are therefore not required to add fluoride to the systems.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully Yours,



Michael D. Armstrong
General Manager